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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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To the Commissioner:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated April 19, 2005, Applicants request favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. This response is being filed less than two months from the date of the Final Office Action.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Applicants' Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Exhibits A and B are attached hereto.